



The Bonikowskys

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July, 2007

Dear friends at Northland BBC,

My wife and I want to add to your evaluation pages this brief note of commendation for Miss Ruth Kibler.

Ruth was a blessing to our family and ministry from the first day of her internship. For one thing, she was a special, spiritual friend to our 13 year old daughter Rachel. That alone, in our eyes, was worth the whole internship! But she had a much broader influence than just in that area. Her testimony among our church family has been impeccable and her example of service at all of the Aierdi Baptist Conference Center activities this summer was also of the highest quality.

In short, she leaves behind an excellent testimony and nothing that we might wish to explain away or cover over. If she is a true representative of Northland's student body (and we believe she surely is:) we have every reason to praise the Lord for your ministry and influence in the large number of young people choosing your school for ministerial training.

Keep up the good work!

Counting the stars with Abraham,
Andy Bonikowsky
Gn. 15:5



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April, 2007

Dear Jennifer,

Congratulations on your graduation! We wish we could be there to enjoy all the celebrations. Just thinking of your house brings back all kinds of fun and delicious memories!

It is our prayer for you that you will be sensitive to God's leading as you move into this new phase of your life. Many of the decisions you will be making in the next few months and years will determine your spiritual course for life. It will be our delight to watch you live for the Lord and let Him use you uniquely for His glory. Make Him your focus and He will give you a life worth living! *"Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart."* (Ps. 37:4)

Your mother will undoubtedly keep us informed of your progress in schooling matters, but we would still enjoy hearing from you by email whenever you can do that.

We hope the small monetary gift will be a help as you tackle the many expenses of a professional education. It is our joy to be able to encourage you in a small way.

Much love,

Uncle Andy & Aunt Mimi
Gn. 15:5



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January 22, 2007

Dear anonymous friend,

Thank you very much for your generous gift to the Aierdi ministries. I don't know how much you were aware of the needs, but your gift was providentially timed. We thank and praise the Lord for always sending in what He knows we need, many times in surprising ways. Thank you for being tender to His leading.

Some of the funds you sent have already been spent! One of the pressing needs we have had concerns the farmhouse plumbing system. If you have been able to follow the work recently you will know that friends helped us install plumbing throughout the farmhouse and built a septic tank 100 yards down the hill, below Aierdi. Many different people have worked on different parts of the project over the past eight months or so. Anyway, we needed gravel for the leech lines and had no funds for that, until a few weeks ago when we heard of your gift. The truck has already brought in gravel for that need as well as for the ongoing concrete needs. THANK YOU!

Thank you also for your prayers in the following issues:

1. Our upcoming 16th intensive institute, scheduled for February 17.
2. The 3rd edition of our Aierdi Advance missionary magazine.
3. The plans and progress of several work/mission teams scheduled for spring.

I trust God to bless you richly. I am confident that He will, for nobody can reward our faith and action like He does. (Heb. 11:6)

Counting the stars with Abraham,

Andy

Gn. 15:5

PS. If you have never heard our two missionary musical story cds, THE AIERDI MIRACLE and PULL UP A CHAIR, please ask our mission agency for them. They will make sure you get one of each.



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From Rumanía

Nicolás went through very difficult home problems in 2006. But he has grown much closer to the Lord and is a blessing to serve.



From Ecuador

Verónica got right with God last summer and was baptized at the Irun church facilities where I (Andy) grew up.

A few weeks ago I saw this twig peeking out from a hole in the snow.



It reminded me of the twigs God is causing to spring up in this spiritually cold land of Spain.



From Colombia

Arbey found victory in Christ over his 40 year old drinking habit. He has since been completely "dry", even over the holidays and a month long trip back to his homeland of Colombia.

Rosí was a suicide case before she met the Lord through our ministry years ago. Now her smile lights up our Sunday morning services.



From Canary Islands

JesúsMarí came to know the Lord back in October, 2006. He is now enrolled in our Aierdi regional EJEMPLOS (Examples) monthly youth institute program and faithfully attends church.



From Basqueland



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Easter postcard →

We sent 7,500 postcards to all of the residents of three of our 18 Goierri towns. On the front is part of Matt. 28:5-8 in Spanish/Basque. On the back is a brief explanation of the Gospel. We hope to prepare another one in the fall and increase the number of towns receiving it.



← Goierri men

On the first Saturday of May we had our second Goierri church men's barbecue. There were 19 men and boys who came for steak, fellowship, prayer time, and Bible challenge. One was Iñaki, the unsaved co-worker of one of our men.



Print shop →

One of the original prayer requests God answered when He gave us Aierdi was our desire for a place for the press. Today, seven years after the purchase, we are finally seeing the print shop begin to take shape. Here Bob Woodard is doing drywall work near the entrance.



← Irunchurch

In April, after a successful hip replacement surgery, my dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is now starting treatments in GA and will be delayed in returning for several months. Meanwhile, I am filling in for him at the Irun church. I preach an early Sunday morning service and then drive back to our Goierri congregation for the regular noon message.



We send out much more information by email. Write us!!!

First AMF →

The first Aierdi Missionary Fellowship for European church-planters consisted of two wonderfully complete days of practical Bible teaching from Pastor Sweatt and hours of great fellowship. Two families from Berean BC came with Pastor & Mrs. Sweatt to help with childrens activities. Thank you Nortons and Turners!



Church youth →

David and Danny have both preached regularly during the summer months. But another valuable ministry our children have is spending quality time with our church young people. Here our three boys are coming back from church with Jesus Mari, saved last October, and faithful in attendance.



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← Ruth Kibler

Miss Ruth did her internship for Northland BBC with us for two months this summer. She was a special blessing to our daughter Rachel as well as a valuable help in the church and farmhouse ministries. Thanks Ruth!



← AMIGOS

This past week (Aug 9th & 10th) we had our first AMIGOS children camp at the Aierdi farmhouse. Teenagers from our EJEMPLOS youth program were counselors and helpers. The final numbers were 15 children from our church and two others, and 9 of our young people as counselors. Our co-workers, Juan and Tete Alvarez, did an excellent job directing the camp.



Enviamos mucha más información por email que por carta. ¡Escríbenos!

Primera AMF →

La primera *Confraternidad Misionera de Aierdi* para plantadores de iglesias en Europa consistió en dos días completos de enseñanza de Pastor Danny Sweatt y horas de buen compañerismo. Dos familias vinieron de su iglesia (Berean Baptist Church) para ayudar con los niños y jóvenes. ¡Gracias a los Norton y Turner!



Jóvenes →

David y Daniel han predicado de forma regular durante los meses del verano. Otro ministerio importante de nuestros hijos es simplemente el pasar tiempo de calidad espiritual con los jóvenes de la iglesia. Aquí están los tres chicos con Jesús Mari, un joven convertido a Cristo en octubre del 2.006.



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← Rut Kibler

La señorita Kibler estuvo de internada asistente con nosotros durante dos meses este verano. Es estudiante de misiones en Northland Baptist Bible College. Fue de gran bendición en todo el ministerio, pero especialmente como amiga de nuestra hija Rachel. ¡Gracias Rut!



← AMIGOS

Nuestro primer mini-campamento AMIGOS de AIERDI tuvo lugar el 9 y 10 de agosto. Los jóvenes de nuestro instituto EJEMPLOS fueron los consejeros y ayudantes. En total fueron 15 niños de tres iglesias en nuestra provincia y 9 de los jóvenes como consejeros. Nuestros compañeros de equipo, Juan y Tete Álvarez, hicieron un buen trabajo dirigiendo la actividad.



We send out much more information by email:~!

Last Easter the Lord allowed our missionary team to print a Gospel postcard and send it out to all the homes in three of our 18 Goierri towns. This fall we printed a Christmas 2007 postcard and were hoping to expand the number of homes that would receive this message of His Truth. Response from friends was fantastic—in prayer and financial gifts. As things are right now we be able to send the postcards to almost every home in these communities, with a total of approximately 45,000 people!



Merry Christmas! Thank you for your prayers and gifts.

Andy & Mimi Bonikowsky

The chart to the right is copied directly from a poster we prepared and sent out by email in October. The dollar depreciation over the last month has increased the project cost by \$120 but we still plan to send out as many postcards as possible. If you would like to help, contact us by email or send a check to our mission office. Thank you for praying!



Some of the Goierri youth helping sort through the freshly printed postcards

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Second Postcard Mailing



Our tiny Beasain congregation will be giving to cover the cost of several of the 18 Goierri towns. Individuals are helping with the expense of a few others. This group of six towns is already an increase over last Easter's mailing. Amen!

Goierri town	#homes	Cost	Provided by:
Beasain	4,500	\$639 (450€)	Goierri Ch.
Ordizia	3,742	\$531 (374€)	<i>Others*</i>
Lazkao	2,000	\$284 (200€)	Individual
Zegama	500	\$71 (50€)	Individual
Segura	400	\$56 (40€)	<i>Others*</i>
Zerain	102	\$14 (10€)	<i>Others*</i>
Mutiloa	75	\$10 (7,5€)	Goierri Ch.
Gabiria	125	\$18 (12,5€)	<i>Others*</i>
Ormaeztegui	532	\$75 (53€)	<i>Others*</i>
Idiazabal	786	\$111 (78€)	<i>Others*</i>
Olaberria	417	\$58 (41€)	<i>Others*</i>
Ataun	500	\$71 (50€)	
Itsasondo	249	\$36 (25€)	
Legorreta	650	\$92 (65€)	<i>Others*</i>
Arama	55	\$8 (5,5€)	<i>Others*</i>
Altzaga	47	\$7 (5€)	Goierri Ch.
Zaldibia	619	\$88 (62€)	<i>Others*</i>
Gainza	55	\$8 (5,5€)	Goierri Ch.

**Maroon indicates town mailings covered by churches and friends since last week! Some are sending in funds for us to apply.*



Enviamos mucha más información por email.

Este Semana Santa pasada nuestro equipo misionero imprimió y envió tarjetas postales del Evangelio a tres de los 18 pueblos en la comarca del Goierri. Acabamos de imprimir una nueva edición para la época navideña pero esperamos ampliar el número de hogares que recibirán el mensaje de la Verdad. La respuesta de amigos e iglesias ha sido fantástica — en oración y donativos económicos. Ya tenemos fondos suficientes para enviar las tarjetas a casi todos los pueblos. ¡La población total es de 45.000 personas!



¡Feliz Navidad! Gracias por las oraciones y ofrendas.

Andy & Mimi Bonikowsky

La lista que está a la derecha fue actualizada en octubre por la generosa respuesta de muchos hermanos. Aunque desde entonces el dólar ha seguido su depreciación y el proyecto ya costará \$120 más que antes, enviaremos todas las tarjetas que sea posible.

Si quieres escribirnos o ayudar, envíanos una nota por email o escribe a la dirección de la misión. ¡Gracias!



Algunos de los jóvenes del Goierri ayudando a inspeccionar las postales recién impresas.

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Misioneros Bautistas
en el País Vasco de España

Segundo envío de postales



Nuestra pequeña congregación en Beasain pagará el porte de Correos para varios de los pueblos del Goierri. Varios amigos ya han enviado fondos para ayudar. En la lista a continuación se puede ver los pueblos con sus datos.

Pueblo	#hogar	Precio	Provisto por:
Beasain	4,500	\$639 (450€)	Igl. Goierri
Ordizia	3,742	\$531 (374€)	Otros*
Lazkao	2,000	\$284 (200€)	Individuo
Zegama	500	\$71 (50€)	Individuo
Segura	400	\$56 (40€)	Otros*
Zerain	102	\$14 (10€)	Otros*
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*Rojo indica los pueblos que ahora podrán también recibir postales después de los generosos donativos de iglesias y amigos de USA.